

50 Most Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How many patients do you serve?**
56,468 unique patients in FY 2005
2. **How many outpatients do you serve?**
452,599 outpatient visits in FY 2005

3. **What is your budget?**
Total Medical Appropriations was \$327,601,203 in FY 2005

4. **How much do you spend on employee salaries and benefits?**
Over 186 million dollars in FY 2005



5. **How much do you spend on drugs and medicine?**
\$15,350,732 in FY 2005 plus approximately 28 million to the consolidated mail out pharmacy

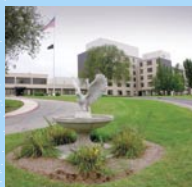
6. **How many operating beds do you have?**
692

7. **How many hospital beds do you have?**
291

8. **How many nursing home care unit beds do you have?**
336

9. **How many domiciliary beds do you have?**
65

10. **How many patients do you admit?**
8,371 admissions in FY 2005



11. **What is your average daily census?**
506.8 in FY 2005

12. **What is your acute length of stay?**
5.0 days in FY 2005

13. **How many inpatients do you treat?**
8,959 in FY 2005

14. **How many employees do you have?**
2,592 (at the end of FY05)

15. **What is your FTEE?**
2,448.30 (at the end of FY05)

16. **What is your current FTEE?**
2,414

17. **How many full time physicians do you have?**
82 (at the end of FY05)



18. **What are Clinical Intervention Quadrant Scores?**

They are scores that consider how much improvement has been made and what results have been achieved by healthcare providers giving care to veterans across the country. They include care for veterans with diabetes, heart disease, mental health problems, infections, and cancer. The scores are listed as NOT MET, FULLY SUCCESSFUL OR EXCEPTIONAL.

19. **What is our quadrant score?**

VAPHS reached Exceptional levels in 5 of 6 Clinical Categories in FY05. The sixth was Fully Successful.

20. **How many patients do we treat from our 4 spoke hospitals?**

In FY05 we treated 2,317 patients from Altoona; 1,961 from Erie; 2,069 from Butler; and 2,408 from Clarksburg.



21. **How many outpatient surgical procedures do you perform?**
2,600 in FY 2005

22. **How many inpatient surgical procedures do you perform?**
2073 for FY05

23. **How many liver transplants do you perform?**
56 in 2005

24. **How many kidney transplants do you perform?**
14 in 2005 (including 8 living donors)

25. **How many Cardiac Catherization Cases do you perform?**
1,419 in FY 2005

26. **How many Cardiac Catherization Procedures do you perform?**
5,454 in FY 2005

27. **How many prescriptions do you fill?**
1,110,073 prescriptions were filled in FY 2005

28. **How many volunteers do you have?**
1,375

29. **What are your community gifts and donations?**

Over \$750,501 in cash and miscellaneous donations were received in FY 2005

30. What are your total 3rd party and 1st party collections?
MCCF Collections equaled \$15,567,184 and Extended Care Collections were \$109,449 in FY 2005



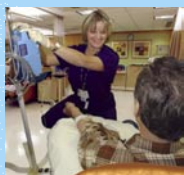
31. What were your most recent JCAHO results?
VAPHS received full accreditation in 2005.

32. How many Clinical Centers of Excellence do you have?
(2) Renal Dialysis and Women Veterans Program

33. How many Research Centers of Excellence do you have?
(4) Geriatrics, Rehabilitation Research, Behavioral Health, and Health Equities Research and Promotion

34. What are the 2006 JCAHO Patient Safety Goals?
Improve the accuracy of patient identification; Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers; Improve the safety of using medications; Eliminate wrong-site, wrong patient, wrong procedure surgery. Improve the safety of using infusion pumps; Improve the effectiveness of clinical alarm systems; Reduce the risk of health care associated infections; Accurately and completely reconcile medications across the continuum of care; Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls; Reduce the risk of influenza and pneumococcal disease in older adults; Reduce the risk of surgical fires; Implementation of applicable National Patient Safety Goals and associated requirements by components and practitioner sites; Encourage the active involvement of patients and their families in the patient's own care as a patient safety strategy; Prevent health care-associated pressure ulcers (decubitus ulcers).

35. What is your web site address?
www.va.gov/pittsburgh



36. What is your toll free number?
1-866-4 VA PITT (1-866-482-7488)

37. What is your veteran population?
Approximately 360,000

38. When was the VAPHS built?

University Drive and Highland Drive were built and activated in the early 1950s. The replacement hospital at the Heinz Division was completed in 1995.

39. How many acres does University Drive occupy?
13.86 acres



40. How many acres does Highland Drive occupy?
168.68 acres

41. How many acres does the Heinz Division occupy?
50.29 acres

42. Who are your major academic affiliates?
VAPHS has an active affiliation with the University of Pittsburgh Medical School. There are also nursing student affiliations and affiliations involving dentistry, pharmacy, social work, and psychology with the University of Pittsburgh. VAPHS also has affiliations with 13 different nursing schools.

43. How many Residents do you have?
During Academic Year 2004-05, we rotated 1103 residents through 114 FTEE positions

44. How many FTEE do you have for Residents?
In FY 2005, we were approved for 114 FTEE and for FY 2006 and 07 that was increased to 116 FTEE.



45. How many Research Projects were done during 2005?
411 projects

46. How many Research Investigators do you currently have?
108 investigators at the end of 2005

47. What is your Research budget?
Over 22 million dollars in FY 2005

48. How many Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC's) do you have?
(5)- St. Clairsville, Ohio; Greensburg, Aliquippa, and Washington, PA; and Uniontown, PA

49. How many VET Centers are you affiliated with?
(3)- Pittsburgh, McKeesport and Wheeling, WV

50. When were the three VA Hospitals in Pittsburgh consolidated?
October 1996

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